The appointment of members of your community as peons and in other posts is being tried wherever possible. Applications from the members of your community, as well as from others, will always be considered.

MEMBER (In Malayalam): There is a weaving school conducted by me on the grant-in-aid to Kovalam and it will be a great help if the pupils under training there are given a monthly stipend of two rupees each. The community will be grateful if the Dewan can visit the weaving school some day.

DEWAN: I shall try to visit your school one day.

### 145. Some suggestions for the advancement and uplift of the Cheramar community.

MR. PARADI A. ISAAC (*Nominated*) said that the depressed classes in the State were very backward in education and that it was with a view to encourage education among them that the Government had sanctioned fee concessions and scholarships. But these concessions were not sufficient. The cost of education in vernacular and English schools on account of text-books, note-books, dress, etc., was prohibitive and the Government should therefore render financial help to the students of the depressed classes in these matters also. Fee concession was allowed only up to the School Final Class. The depressed class students found it difficult to prosecute their studies in colleges. The concessions and scholarships should be allowed to them in college classes also. The Principal of the C. M. S. College recommended the award of scholarships to one Paraya student and to two Cheramar students. A scholarship was sanctioned to the former, but was refused in the case of the latter. The two Cheramar students should also be awarded scholarships. The provisions of the *Education Code* should not be strictly enforced in regard to the award of grants to private schools started for the benefit of depressed classes. Such institutions should be exempted from the rules regarding building, equipment, etc.

The members of the depressed classes inhabiting the rural parts of the State did not get adequate medical relief. Special attention should be paid in encouraging the establishment of grant-in-aid Ayurveda *vaidyasalas* and *visha-vaidyasalas* for their benefit. Educated members of the community should be admitted to the Government Ayurveda College and should be given all facilities for their training. Qualified members of the community, both men and women, should be trained in vaccination and appointed as vaccinators for duty among the depressed classes. Educated women of the community should be trained as nurses and midwives and should be deputed to do maternity and child-welfare work among the depressed classes. Young men of the community who have elementary English education, should also be trained in compounding.

The members of the Cheramar community did not get sufficient encouragement in the Agricultural Department. There were not



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many Cheramar students in the Agricultural schools. Better attention should be paid to the training of the members of the community in agriculture.

The members of the depressed classes did not get equature representation in public service. There were qualified men among them. They should be encouraged.

The Cheramars were not given adequate representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. At least four members, one from each Division, should be nominated to the Assembly every year.

There was only one member in the Legislative Council to represent the depressed classes. They should be given better representation in future by nominating more members.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Isaac, I have answered some of your representations in my replies to some of the previous speakers. All I can do is to refer you to those replies and to assure you that your other representations will be considered.

### 146. Suggestions for the advancement of the Vilakkittala Nayars.

MR. K. C. Shadananan Nayar (*Nominated*) spoke about the following needs of his community :—

Full fee concession should be granted to the students of the Vilakkittala Nayar community in all the schools, both vernacular and English, as well as in all the colleges. The community was quite backward in education and was financially very poor. If it was not possible to grant full fee concession, at least the half-fee concession granted to other communities, such as the Muslims, should be allowed.

The men and women students of the community should be granted scholarships to prosecute higher studies in medicine in foreign countries. Preference should also be given to the girls belonging to the community in the matter of training in compounding, nursing and midwifery. Long before the allopathic system of treatment became popular in the country, it was the women of his community who were attending to midwifery work.

Better encouragement should be given to the members of the community in public service. More appointments should be given to the qualified members belonging to the community and they should be exempted from the operation of the rule regarding age-limit for entertainment in public service. Members of the community already in service should be given adequate encouragement. He mentioned the names of some members of his community employed in various offices as deserving special treatment. There were also several other qualified members of the community who were without employment. They should all be entertained in service without any delay.

Members of the community who could read and write, but who did not possess examination qualifications, should be employed in the subordinate ranks of the Land Revenue, Excise, Forest, Education, Judicial,

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